

JOINT DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names;

We believe we are the original, first and sole inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled CONTACT-BONDING FILM INSERTION MEANS INCLUDED IN CONTACT-BONDED PAPER MANUFACTURING APPARATUS

- ☐ is attached hereto.
☒ was filed on December 15, 2004 as Application Serial Number _____ and was amended on December 15, 2004 (if applicable).
☒ was filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and accorded International Application No. PCT/JP2003/007969, filed, 23 June 2003 and amended on _____.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

Prior Foreign Application(s)

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Country	Application No.	Date of Filing (day month year)	Date of Issue (day month year)	Priority Claimed Under 35 U.S.C. §119
JAPAN	2002-222180	26 June 2002		YES
JAPAN	2002-382853	29 November 2002		YES
JAPAN	2002-383792	27 December 2002		YES

Prior United States Provisional Application(s)

We hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e)(1) of any U.S. provisional application listed below:

U.S. Provisional Application No.	Date of Filing (day month year)	Priority Claimed Under 35 U.S.C. §119(e)(1)

Prior United States Application(s)

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112. We acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Serial No.	Date of Filing (Day, Month, Year)	Status X Patented, Pending, Abandoned

Power of Attorney

And we hereby appoint, both jointly and severally, as our attorneys, all attorneys under PTO Customer Number 22907, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office.

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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